Guidelines of the Joint Plant Committee (JPC) of main producers. These guidelines do not provide for Zone-wise or Yard-wise allotment of steel. In the case of Status 'A' consumers such as Defence, Railways, major Central Government Departments/ Undertakings, etc. materials are supplied against the allocations made by JPC, at present. The remaining consumers received materials against demand registrations. The quantity of steel supplied from the Northern Zone of SAIL comprising stockyards located a New Delhi, Faridabad, Ghaziabad, Agra and Gwalior, during the last two years is shown in the Annexure (*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 42).

(c) The details of stocks lying in the branches in the Northern Zone of SAIL at the end of the last two years are shown in the Annexure (See Apendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 42.]

(d) There is no Branch Manager or Executive working for more than four years in a particular stockyard/ branch of SAIL.

(e) During the last one year, one recorded complaint each has been received against the Executives in the yards of SAIL of New Delhi, Ghaziabad and Agra. These have been investigated and action where considered necessary taken. In addition, some complaints regarding discrepancy in weighments etc. had been received by SAIL and these were dealt with on merits by the Branch Offices concerned.

Suicide committed by the Scientists of ICAR

714. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of the Scientists and Researchers working under ICAR and other Institutes under his Ministry who have committed suicide so far;

(b) whether any inquiry was instituted in this regard; and

(c) if so, what were its findings and recommendations and also the follow-up action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Four scientists of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and its Institutes have so far committed suicide. Their names are:—

(1) Dr. S. S. Batra
(2) Dr. V. H. Shah
(3) Shri S. V. Raghavan
(4) Shri S. D. Sahu

(b) Following the suicide of Dr. V. H. Shah a Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr.. P. B. Gajendragadkar Ex-Chief Justice of India was constituted to probe into the working of the ICAR system.

(c) The recommendations of the Gajendragadkar Committee mostly relate to the organisational structure and personnel policies of ICAR. The Government have already implemented the recommendations with slight modifications.

Regularisation of services of employees of MCD and Delhi Water supply and sewage Disposal undertakings.

715. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Beldars, Watchmen, Sweepers, Fitters, Asst. Meter-Readers, Pump drivers and Clerks who have been working in Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking only daily wages for the last 7, 5 and 3 years; and

(b) whether the Supreme Court has directed that the services of the employees, who have completed more than 6 months' service should be regularised; if so what is the follow-up action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Number of employees on daily wages are as under:—

Period	MCD	DWS & SDU
7 years	5936	184
5 years	6765	674
3 years	4871	2752

(b) The Court pronounced judgement in the case of "Surinder Singh Vs CPWD" and this judgement was followed by the Supreme Court in the case of "Brahm Prakash Bhardwaj Vs. MCD", "Jeet Singh Vs. MCD" and "Radhey Shyam Vs. MCD", etc. Regularisation of Daily Wage workers has been/is being continuously done in a phased manner as per resolution No. 709 dt. 20-1-78 of the Standing Committee of the Corporation.

Flood Losses in Various States

716. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the cumulative total value of damages suffered from floods by various States in the last 3 years;

(b) the recommendations of the National Flood Commission that were recommended to the States in 1981 by the Centre for consideration and implementation and with what results; and

(c) the names of the States that have not yet enacted a legislation on Flood Plain Zoning to minimise the flood losses?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) This amounts to Rs. 9713.32 crores, as reported by the State Governments.

(b) The recommendations relate to flood management consisting of methodology of flood damage assessment, land use regulation, approach to the flood problem, maintenance, legislation on flood plain zoning etc. and were recommended to the States for implementation. From time to time, the State Governments are being reminded. These recommendations are in different stages of consideration/implementation by the State Governments.

(c) All the States, except Manipur.

Foreign Exchange spent for import of Steel

717. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the foreign exchange spent on the import of different grades of steel, special steel and steel alloys during the past three years to meet the demands from light and heavy vehicle manufacturers, earth movers, bulldozers, cranes and handling equipment manufactuders and other including the defence;

(b) the number of years Government are likely to take to be self sufficient to meet the requirement of such steel;

(c) whether Government are considering a proposal to convert the Salem Steel Mills to composite graded steel manufacturing unit; and

(d) if so what is the present stage and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) Data on import on the lines desired are not maintained by the Directorate General of Commercial In-